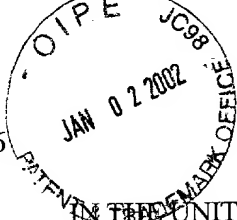


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Applicants : Joachim Kohler, et al.
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For : **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A MEMBRANE ELECTRODE
ASSEMBLY FOR FUEL CELLS**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application mailed November 13, 2001 (copy attached) for the above-identified application, attached is:

- 1) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application;
- 2) Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney with copy of application as filed;
- 3) Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet and Executed Assignment;
- 4) Claim for Foreign Priority with certified copy of priority application;
- 5) Transmittal of Formal Drawings with 3 sheets of drawings; and
- 6) Check for \$964.00 to cover the filing fee (\$740), surcharge (\$130), extra claims fee (\$54) and assignment fee (\$40).

If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this transmittal, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$54.
 ■ \$54 for 3 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 924.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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